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Citizen of India charged with transporting obscene materials

A 27-year-old man from India was charged today in federal court with one count of transportation of obscene matters.

According to the information filed April 7 in Minneapolis, Sudhir Porumamilla knowingly brought into the United States in interstate commerce an obscene, lewd, lascivious and filthy picture and matter of indecent character on Jan. 8, 2008.

According to a U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) affidavit, Porumamilla arrived at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport Jan. 8 from India. During a routine inspection of Porumamilla's property, officers found one picture and one video containing child pornography on his laptop computer and on an external hard drive.

If convicted, Porumamilla faces a potential maximum penalty of five years in prison. All sentences are determined by a federal district court judge. This case is the result of an investigation by ICE and the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport Police Department, and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Erica H. MacDonald.

This case is part of Project Safe Childhood (PSC), a national initiative that encourages the use of multi-jurisdictional task forces to investigate and prosecute cases that involve the sexual exploitation of children over the Internet. PSC urges that law enforcement efforts be complemented by community-wide campaigns to assist victims of exploitation and to educate parents, other adults, and children about Internet safety.

According to the U.S. Department of Justice, one in 33 children receives an unwanted sexual solicitation online each year. One in four children experiences unwanted exposure to sexually explicit material on the Internet each year. And, more than 20,000 images of child pornography are posted on the Internet every week. Moreover, recent research conducted by the Federal Bureau of Prisons indicates a strong correlation between possessing or distributing child pornography and committing sexual-contact crimes against children.

The defendant, of course, is presumed innocent until he or she pleads guilty or is proven guilty at trial